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HOUSE BILL NO. 6277

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE SOLOMON R. CHUNGALAO

AN ACT
FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY," AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE LIFETIME VALIDITY OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED TO PERSONS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill is filed in the hopes of facilitating the uninterrupted access of Persons with Disability (PWDs) to the various benefits granted to them by law. Given the additional challenges that PWDs must already contend with in the long-term, it appears wholly unnecessary to require them to regularly renew their identification cards (IDs). As these IDs are often the basis for the grant of their special benefits, it is sound policy to remove any cap on the period of validity of these IDs. Furthermore, given that the number of registered PWDs has increased 35% from June 2024 to June 2025 (presently totaling 2.5 million Filipinos)[1], it is also more practical to remove any necessity to renew PWD IDs.

For the foregoing reasons, speedy passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

SOLOMON R. CHUNGALAO

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[1] According to the National Council for Disability Affairs as reported by *The Philippine Daily Inquirer:* https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2072065/registered-pwds-in-ph-now-at-2-5m.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 32 of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disability" is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 32. Persons with disability shall be entitled to the following:

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The abovementioned privileges are available only to persons with disability who are Filipino citizens upon submission of any of the following as proof of his/her entitlement thereto:

(I) An identification card issued by the city or municipal mayor or the barangay captain of the place where the persons with disability resides; **OR**
(II) The passport of the persons with disability concerned; [~~or~~]

[~~(III) Transportation discount fare Identification Card (ID) issued by the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP)~~)]

PROVIDED, THAT IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED TO PERSONS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITY SHALL BE FREE OF CHARGE AND SHALL BE VALID DURING THE LIFETIME OF THE CARDHOLDER.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT SUCH PERMANENT DISABILITY IS CERTIFIED BY THE MUNICIPAL OR CITY HEALTH OFFICE AND VERIFIED BY THE LOCAL SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (LSWDO).

PROVIDED, FURTHERMORE, THAT IN CASE OF LOSS OR DAMAGE, THE CARDHOLDER MAY RENEW HIS/HER IDENTIFICATION CARD.

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SEC. 2. ***Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days from approval of this Act, the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and other relevant government agencies, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary in the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. ***Separability Clause.*** - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions or provisions of this Act shall not be affected by such declaration.

SEC. 4. ***Repealing Clause.*** - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, or rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. ***Effectivity Clause.*** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,